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[REDACTED] THE TWO ((PRIESTS))

WERE RELEASED ON THE 3RD AFTER 107 DAYS ((IN CAPTIVITY))
AND ARE IN GOOD HEALTH. THE PLACEWHERE BOTH OF THEM WERE
LIVING WAS A VILLAGE NEAR TAKEO WHICH IS 45 KILOMETERS SOUTH
OF PHNOM PENH; THE NAME OF THE PLACE IS UNKNOWN. IT IS UNCLEAR
WHY THEY WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY [REDACTED] IT MAY
HAVE BEEN BECAUSE THEY WERE RIDING IN AN AMERICAN-MADE CAR
((LINCOLN)). THOSE WHO PLACED THEM UNDER ARREST WERE CAMBODIANS,
BUT [REDACTED] THERE WAS A LEADER WHO IS
BELIEVED TO BE A VIET CONG. [REDACTED] THE REASON WHY
THEY WERE RELEASED IS THAT IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT THEY WERE
PRIESTS AND AS SUCH WERE NOT ENGAGED IN SPYING ACTIVITIES.

[REDACTED] THEIR TREATMENT AFTER
THEY WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY WAS NOT SO BAD. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE MAJORITY OF ENEMY ((TROOPS))
IN THE SOUTHERN PART ((OF THE COUNTRY)), INCLUDING THE REGION
IN QUESTION, ARE COMMUNIST KHMERS AND THEIR LEADER IS ALWAYS
A VIET CONG OR NORTH VIETNAMESE. ONE OF THESE VIET CONG
REPORTEDLY TOLD BOTH OF THEM% =SOME OF THE U.S., JAPANESE
AND FRENCH CORRESPONDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN MISSING IN TAKEO
PROVINCE SINCE THE END OF MAY ((1970)) WERE SUSPECTED OF
BEING SPIES AND SHOT TO DEATH AND SOME ARE STILL ALIVE.=

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